



PREF PROPELLER

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SUPT.'S CORNER

By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent

I would like to request that staff and residents alike respect the newly planted flowers lining the sidewalks. These plants are for everyone to enjoy, not destroy. To the residents: This is your home. I sincerely hope that on the outside you would try to preserve the beauty of your neighborhood. You should try to do the same here. Everyone: Please watch your step and use the Gators and other riding equipment carefully.

I would also like to put to rest the questions about Phase Three Substance Abuse. The rumors are true. PREF will once again have Phase Three. These classes should begin either the beginning or middle of June. All interested residents should wait to be contacted for enrollment. By this I mean that residents should not approach their Specialist or any other staff requesting to be enrolled in the classes. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation with these matters.

PREF GOSPEL CONCERT

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

As a special guest at the PREF Gospel Concert Tuesday May 15, 2007, Ms. Carlina Wilkes gave the audience of residents, other invited guests as well as some PREF staff, a seriously motivating speech. She touched on various topics

during her speech, but focused mostly on getting it across to the residents that they/we pretty much have been given another chance at life and that they/we should take full advantage of it.

I failed to mention Ms. Carlina in last weeks PREF Propeller, and for that I apologize.

It is the hope of many here at PREF that we can have Ms. Wilkes back again, sooner than later and even on a regular basis to motivate us some more.

Many thanks to Ms. Wilkes for making the time and for taking the time out to come and talk to us all.

MEMORIAL DAY

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

Next Monday, May 28, is Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a National Holiday and began as a local holiday on May 5, 1866. Two years later, it became a nationally recognized holiday.

To many, Memorial Day represents the unofficial beginning of summer. Others celebrate the holiday by spending time with family. No matter how you spend the day please take time to remember the U.S. men and women who have passed serving their country in the armed forces. These U.S. citizens have paid the ultimate price for our freedom and they deserve recognition more than one day a year.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

By: Keith Jackson, Resource Library Clerk

Mr. Brodhacker has recently implemented a book loan program. Residents can now come to the resource library (located in the school building, room #102) to review a list of books, which contains over 1400 books.

SPORTS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

There are various tournaments, contests, and other fun sports related activities to take place through the recreation department with Mr. Rogers and his staff of recreation workers facilitating these tournaments, contests and other activities.

These tournaments, contests, and other activities will run over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, May 26-28.

There will be tournaments, contests and other activities such as; 4 Man Volleyball Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament, Free Throw Contest, 3 Point Contest, Softball Throw, Frisbee Throw, 100 Yard Dash, 40 Yard Dash, and 2 Mile Run.

You will need to sign up for each event that you wish to participate in. Check your dorm bulletin board for sign up sheets.

In other sporting news, PREF recreation staff, Mr. Rogers is putting on a softball tournament, with the PREF teams playing against each other as well as against teams or some teams from the outside. The games won't start until after the holiday season, on Tuesday, May 29th 2007. There should be game schedules posted in all the dorms. If there's not a schedule posted in your

dorm, get with me ASAP and see to it that you get one.

Everybody may have already been seeing softball games being played between residents and outside teams, directly behind Westendorf dorm. These are not tournament games being played. They are and have been more like pre-season/practice/fun games.

During the regular season games, all games will be being played starting at 6:15pm on the baseball diamond directly behind Westendorf dorm.

Let's **PLAY BALL!!!**

A POINT TO PONDER

Always Remember Those Who Serve

By: Anonymous

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waiter. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now, more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table, and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he could not have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

WORDS OF WISDOM FOR RE-ENTRY

**By: Randolph Douglas,
Re-entry Specialist 3**

- In life, remember; a quitter never wins and a winner never quits.
- If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.
- Successful re-entry must accompany a change in your mind-set and a change in your character.

OPINION COLUMN

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

With the price of gas continuing to rise, why is that people aren't investing more in the brands of cars that are more fuel-efficient?

I think that the people want to invest in cars that are more fuel-efficient, but since the price of fuel has gone up considerably in the past 5 years that leaves people stuck with the cars they already have. Moreover, if they paid off a car recently then they cannot afford a new car payment. In addition, the dealerships will not pay off the remainder of your loan on your old car if it is over a certain limit. Finally, people have families, and getting a "new" more fuel-efficient car is on their priority list, but sadly, far down.

- Robert Harmon #108754

Hybrid cars or the other more fuel-efficient cars, because they are new to the market and industry, are quite expensive. A new more expensive car on top of having to pay royally for gas, keeping the old gas-guzzler makes more sense (or cents (SMILE)).

In addition, if the more fuel-efficient cars looked a lot more like the cars that are and have been being purchased, I

think that a lot more people would buy them. One would have to admit that the new hybrid cars are not very attractive. In addition, they are a lot smaller than the non-hybrid, more fuel-efficient cars. Moreover, when some people see a small car, the first thing that they think is, "unsafe." Hybrid cars or the other more fuel-efficient cars, because they are new to the market and industry, are quite expensive. A new more expensive car on top of having to pay royally for gas, keeping the old gas-guzzler makes more sense (or cents (SMILE)).

-Dwight Cobbs #891991

Next week's topic: The state of Indiana losing the bid to host the 2011 Superbowl, and what, if anything can be done to better to ensure that the state wins the next bid?

Suggestions for The PREF Propeller should be e-mailed to Mr. Dalton Haney, PREF PIO, with a subject line of "PREF Propeller" or given to Mr. Dwight Cobbs, PREF PIO Clerk, of Young dorm.